THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The licences for manufacture of drugs are granted by the State Licensing Authorities appointed by the State Governments. However, the names of major companies which were manufacturing formulations of this drugs are given below:—

1. M/s. Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd., New Delhi.
2. M/s. Cipla Ltd., Mumbai.
3. M/s. Cadila Healthcare, Ahmedabad.
4. M/s. Micro Labs Ltd., Bangalore.
5. M/s. Emcure Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Pune.
6. M/s. E. Merck India Ltd., Mumbai.
7. M/s. Albert David, Kolkata.
8. M/s. Panacea Biotec, Delhi.
9. M/s. Dr. Reddy's Laboratory, Hyderabad.
10. M/s. Unichem Labs, Mumbai.

(c) No specific reports about the availability of this drug in the market have been received by the Government.

(d) There are adequate provisions under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules made thereunder to take actions for violations, if any, by the Licensing Authorities.

Rural Health Scheme

†1926. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to introduce Rural Health Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States where this scheme is being introduced; and

(d) the amount likely to be allocated by Government for this scheme?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been conceptualized in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the entire country, with special focus on 18 States of Bihar, Jharkhand, MP, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Orissa, UP, Uttaranchal, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tripura, Nagaland, Himachal Pradesh and J&K. The NRHM aims to provide integrated Primary Health Care Services through increased community involvement, strengthening of primary health care infrastructure, and inter and intrasectoral convergence.

(d) The Budget Outlay for NRHM for the financial year 2005-06 is Rs. 6731.16 crores.

State-of art hospitals

1927. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any step or being contemplated in setting up state-of-art hospitals in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons threfor;

(d) whether any emphasis is being laid on the rural areas far as construction of good hospitals;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) to (c) Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), it is proposed to set up one AIIMS-like institution each in the States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttaranchal. In addition 7institutions in 6 States are being upgraded to the level of AIIMS. The proposal for implementation of PMSSY has been cleared by the Expenditure Finance Committee and will now be placed before the competent authority for approval.